

Presbyterian Times

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A Message from Our Pastor

Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

Good News from John Calvin Presbytery

On February 24 I travelled to Fort Scott, Kansas to attend the presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church. We worshipped together and celebrated Communion to begin the meeting. We met in break out groups to discuss issues surrounding mental health in congregations. The business meeting was short and sweet with much to celebrate. We welcomed into the presbytery new and returning pastors including John Oerter who is the new interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Joplin. We also celebrated with First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, Kansas as they received a \$40,000 transformational ministry grant from the presbytery. Our presbytery provides grants for a wide variety of ministries and purposes.

The church in Pittsburg plans to use the grant money to start a second worship service which will be more contemporary in style and content than their current traditional service. The congregation is committing to intentional outreach to their community to welcome people looking for a church home and to people who have never had a church home. Also, the Pittsburg State University Campus is building very close to the church. As the campus moves closer, the congregation is planning ministries to the students and hope the contemporary worship service will appeal to that generation's style.

As we are looking at our own mission and ministry, as we grow together into God's future for us, what a great gift knowing our sister congregations throughout this presbytery support one another through these grants. We are blessed to be part of a connectional church.

Peace,

Pastor Lou Ellen

PALS LUNCH
Cheryl Koederitz

PALS will meet for lunch at 11:45 am on March 5 at Penelope's Restaurant in Rolla.

PRESCHOOL
Kyla Gavura, Director

We are winding down to the end of the year, but we are still full steam ahead! In March our character trait is perseverance. We are defining perseverance as: doing something even if it's hard.

Our Bible verse is Galatians 6:9. "Let us not become weary in doing good." This month we get to share our accomplishments with our parents at parent teacher conferences, celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Easter. We get to end the month with a nice little break for Spring! When we come back we will be even busier, but hopefully with warm weather and sunshine!

Basket of Hope 2018
Melba Read



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***Our Basket of Hope this year will benefit
Russell House, Grace and the Mission.***

We will collect one item for each week of Lent.

1st Week – February 18

Dish Soap

2nd Week – February 25

Shampoo

3rd Week – March 4

Disposable Razors

4th Week – March 11th

Toilet Paper or Paper Towels

5th Week – March 18th

Deodorant or Liquid Hand Soap
(individual size)

6th Week – March 25

Ziploc Bags (qt. or gal.) or
trash bags (lg. or XL.)

Christian Education

Marcia Brewer

Each Sunday during Lent, Pastor Lou Ellen Hartley will lead the adult class in the Journey Room in a discussion of “Meditations on the Cross”, a study based on the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 20th-Century Christian martyr, whose life and works have been topics for the past few weeks. Study books are available from the office. Please note that this is a change from the previous plan, as members of the present adult class wish to be included in the new study, rather than dividing into a separate group.

Lenten Lunches

Melba Read

March 8th-----The Presbyterian Women will host a Lenten Lunch on Thursday at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall, 919 East 10th Street. Please call the church (364-3852) by Wednesday for reservations to the \$5.00 lunch. The theme this year is Discipleship and supports The One Great Hour of Sharing mission. Marie Allen of Vineyard Church and The Mission will be the guest speaker.

March 15th-----The Presbyterian Women will host a Lenten Lunch on Thursday at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall, 919 East 10th Street. Please call the church (364-3852) by Wednesday for reservations to the \$5.00 lunch. The theme this year is Discipleship and supports The One Great Hour of Sharing mission. Rev. Ron Sluder, Pastor of the Church of the Nazarene will be the guest speaker.

March 22nd-----The Presbyterian Women will host a Lenten Lunch on Thursday at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall, 919 East 10th Street. Please call the church (364-3852) by Wednesday for reservations to the \$5.00 lunch. The theme this year is Discipleship and

supports The One Great Hour of Sharing mission. Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church will be the guest speaker.

Thank You...

Susan Meusch, Executive Director, Russell House

On behalf of the courageous women and children at Russell House, I thank you for your generous monthly gift of \$100.00, and for becoming the voice of hope for the abused in our community. Your continued contribution works to ensure that women who suffer from abuse are able to gain access to the services they need to become survivors.

It continues to be incredibly gratifying that your support of our work is so constant and so tangible. We want to let you know how important your gift is, and we affirm our commitment to continue our work for women and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Thank you again for your continued investment in advancing our common vision of ensuring peace, dignity and safety for all women and their children. Together we are making an incredible difference in so many lives.

From the Office

Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager

It is time to celebrate our March birthdays and anniversaries:

Birthday wishes go out to: Jacob Drewniak, Lucy Greig, Deborah Hall, David Cottingham, Serena Franks, Ryne Fox, Steve Bowles, Gerre McKay, Lee Bennett and Bob Anderson.

Anniversary wishes go out to: Eugene and Janice Zanders, Jonathan and Rhonda Kimball and George and Fredi Zobrist.

Upcoming Events ...

2 First Friday Night Out, Alex's Pizza

5 PALS lunch at Penelope's Restaurant

8 Lenten Lunch

9 Memorial Service for Ida Ponzer

11 Daylight Saving Time begins

15 Lenten Lunch

20 Spring begins!

22 Lenten Lunch

26 April Newsletter article deadline

29 Maundy Thursday service